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In re Application of:

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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003, the period for response to which extends through May 21, 2003 by a one-month extension of time petitioned for herein, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following comments.

## REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 21, 2003 has been reviewed. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application and are respectfully submitted for reconsideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-3, 5-14 and 16-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Bell (U.S. Patent No. 1,472,265). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.